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Applicant:	Robert G. Korneluk	Art Unit:	1643
Serial No.:	09/654,743	Examiner:	Not Assigned
Filed:	September 1, 2000	Customer No:	21559
Title:	MAMMALIAN IAP GENE FAMILY, PRIMERS, PROBES, AND DETECTION METHODS		

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b) and 1.181, applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment mailed September 9, 2002 (copy enclosed). According to the Notice, the application was abandoned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135 for failure to reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed January 10, 2002. However, we did not receive a Notice to File Missing Parts, but did receive a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, mailed January 10, 2002, a reply to which (copy enclosed) was timely filed on March 4, 2002.

The undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, first became aware of the abandonment on September 16, 2002, upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment and submits that this petition to withdraw the Notice is being promptly submitted as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(1).

The following documents are submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(2) as proof that a reply was timely filed on March 4, 2002:

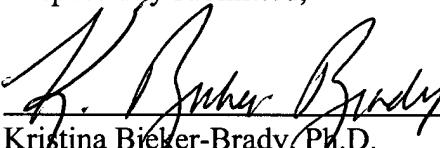
1. A copy of the reply, including an executed certificate of mailing signed by Tracey Simmons on March 4, 2002.
2. Return Receipt Postcard stamped by the PTO mailroom on March 7, 2002.

Applicant submits that the reply was timely filed and requests that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn.

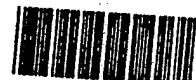
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Respectfully submitted,

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